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Minimum Wage Legislation in Australia. By PAUL STANLEY COLLIER. (Fourth Report of the New York Factory Investigating Commission, Appendix VIII.) Albany: J. B. Lyon Co., 1915. 8vo, pp. 417.

The movement toward the regulation of wages and the history of wage legislation in the states and the commonwealth of Australia is comprehensively outlined in this work. Victoria, New Zealand, New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, and the commonwealth are discussed separately. In each of these states the history of the legislation, the operation and administration of the system, and the economic and social effects are discussed. The concluding chapter discusses the relative effectiveness of wage boards and compulsory arbitration, suggests the advantages and disadvantages of each of the various methods of securing minimum wage standards, and outlines the methods employed in the administration of this legislation.

Commerce and Industry. By J. RUSSELL SMITH. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1916. 8vo, pp. viii+596. \$1.40.

The author describes this book as an attempt to explain how man's industries are determined by his environment, and this statement fairly sums up the nature and scope of the work. In describing the location and growth of the various industries, the determining influences of the climatic and geographic factors have been especially emphasized. The book is divided into three parts, the first dealing with the industries of the United States, the second with those of foreign countries, and the third with the world trade routes and the nature and laws of world-commerce. The pages abound with illustrations, maps, and statistical diagrams, and these add much to the attractiveness of a work which presents a wealth of information in a very readable form and brings out clearly the fact and significance of the physiographic basis of modern industry.